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DEVELOPMENT

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1. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO LEND CREDENCE TO ANY  
QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL STATUS FOR THE SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM BY  
SANCTIONING ATTENDANCE BY SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS OR GOVERN-  
MENT ANTARCTIC EXPERTS. A NUMBER OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE  
DISCUSSED AT THE SYMPOSIUM ARE SENSITIVE AND CURRENTLY  
BEING DEALT WITH BY THE U.S. AND THE OTHER ANTARCTIC TREATY  
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PARTIES IN THE TREATY CONSULTATIVE FORUM AND PARTICIPATION  
OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS OF  
THESE ISSUES WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME.

2. THE SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZERS HAVE OFFERED A NUMBER OF  
ANTARCTIC SCIENTISTS PAID INVITATIONS TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF  
THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR

ANTARCTIC RESEARCH (SCAR). THESE INCLUDE SCAR PRESIDENT TORE GJELSVIK (NORWAY), SCAR VICE PRESIDENT TAKESI NAGATA (JAPAN), AND HEAD OF THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY RICHARD LAWS, WHOSE ORGANIZATION IS HEADQUARTERED WITH SCAR IN THE UK. BRIAN ROBERTS, FORMER UK FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AND

JAMES HEG, FORMER NSF OFFICIAL, BOTH PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED WITH ANTARCTICA BUT NOW RETIRED, HAVE ALSO RECEIVED PAID INVITATIONS. NORWEGIAN FINN SOLLIE RECEIVED INVITATION BUT NO TICKET AND WILL NOT ATTEND. FYI - NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TURNED DOWN SOLLIE'S REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE ON FOREIGN POLICY GROUNDS AND ONLY RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO GJELSVIK'S ATTENDANCE IN SCAR CAPACITY. END FYI. DR. RUTFORD OF NSF HAS PRIOR COMMITMENTS AND HIS POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE WAS THEREFORE NOT ENVISIONED BY NSF.

3. THE U.S. DELEGATE TO SCAR, DR. JAMES H. ZUMBERGE, CHAIRMAN OF POLAR RESEARCH BOARD OF U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR REPRESENTATION OF U.S. SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS AT THE SYMPOSIUM, BUT WILL NOT HIMSELF ATTEND. THE SYMPOSIUM IS NOT VIEWED AS INCONSEQUENTIAL, BUT HEADS OF MOST ANTARCTIC PROGRAMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES FEEL THAT REPRESENTATION WOULD BEST BE COORDINATED THROUGH SCAR. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN NSF AND MR. HERNAN LORCA, DIRECTOR OF CHILEAN ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE, CONFIRMS THAT THIS IS CHILEAN VIEW. MR. LORCA WILL NOT ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

4. NSF HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
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CHILEAN ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE THAT THE SYMPOSIUM IS NOT SPONSORED BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND THERE ARE NO IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILEAN NATIONAL PRESTIGE IN CONNECTION WITH SYMPOSIUM. MR. LORCA RECOGNIZES REQUIREMENT FOR LONG LEAD TIME IN PLANNING AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND UNDERSTANDS PROBLEMS CREATED BY SHORT NOTICE FOR THIS SYMPOSIUM. NSF ANTICIPATES CONTINUED FRIENDLY COOPERATION WITH CHILEAN ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE AND CONSIDERS QUESTION OF COURTESY NOT TO BE AN ISSUE.

5. DEPARTMENT TRUSTS THAT FOREGOING INFORMATION WILL SERVE TO PLACE CONCERNS OF EMBASSY AND SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZERS IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND DISPEL ALL IDEAS OF ANY APPARENT BOYCOTT. PROBABLE PARTICIPATION BY DR. VICTOR NEAL OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY SHOULD REASSURE ORGANIZERS.  
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